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November 2024

River City Faith Network
Ministry Centers

CHRISTMAS JOY!!!

Bring JOY to our city this Christmas!

Each year our RCFN churches are generous in sponsoring children through our Ministry Centers and Camp Families, blessing them with a few of their favorite things.

We are grateful for your generosity and support of our Ministry Centers.



Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

Rev. Glinda Ford 804.329.1701 ext 104

Dec. 3-4 Deliver gifts to CHCWC at Mt. Tabor BC

- Gifts should be wrapped and labeled with the name of the child and placed in a large plastic Christmas bag with the child's name on the outside of the bag.

Dec. 6 Gifts are distributed

Oregon Hill Baptist Center

Rev. Jennifer Turner 804.329.1701 ext 103

Dec. 4-5 Deliver gifts to OHBC at Pine Street BC

- Gifts should be unwrapped and placed in a large black trash bag with child's name on the outside.

Dec. 6 Gifts are distributed by appointment

South Richmond Baptist Center

Rev. Wesley Garrett 804.232.0174

Dec. 2-4 Deliver gifts to St. Paul's Belt Blvd. 9am -1pm

- Gifts should be wrapped with the child's name on each gift. Gifts should be placed in a large plastic Christmas bag which has the child's name and family group number on the outside.

Dec. 5 Gifts are distributed between 9am - 1pm.

Upcoming Events

November 2024

- 4 World Day of Prayer
- 5 RCFN Staff Mtg
- 8-10 Camp Staff Retreat
- 12 CAST Mtg. 6:30 pm
- 19 RCFN Board Mtg
- 24 LEADs Project
- 26 SRBC Christmas JOY - Parent's Mtg
- 28-29 Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday



*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!*

I Chronicles 16:34 ESV



Annual Meeting Highlights

The River City Faith Network Annual Meeting held Sunday, October 20th was a celebration of light as we shared the impact we made together in 2023-2024.

Annual Year In Review Video*

Financial Report and Adoption of 2025 Budget*

Election of Officers, Committee and Support Team Member and Chairpersons*

Connecting Conversations Breakout Groups

*These reports and video can be found on our website www.richmondbaptist.org

2023-2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Meeting Needs

Building Relationships

Developing Leaders

Serving Together

HUNGER

FOOD PANTRY | SNACK BAGS



SUMMER CAMP



YOUNG LEADERS



LIBERIAN LIBRARY PROJECT



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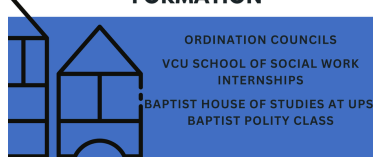
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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



MINISTRY AND VOCATIONAL FORMATION



FURNITURE MINISTRY RENO PROJECT



SHELTER

MEALS FOR THE UNHOUSED | LOCKER STORAGE
FURNITURE MINISTRY | FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | MAIL



RCFN STAFF & CHURCH CONNECTIONS



CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



CHRISTMAS JOY EVENTS



2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

The RCFN has experienced a decline in revenue for the last decade which places the ministry in an unsustainable position for the future. We are choosing to be proactive in addressing this problem and the RCFN Board has approved the Stewardship Committee's request that a special task force be assigned to evaluate our financial position. The task force will develop a plan and make recommendations for sustainability by June 2025.

The 2025 approved budget is the same as the 2024 budget. We recognize this budget results in an additional year of deficit spending and intend that the 2026 budget will reflect the proposals of the financial task force.

We are grateful for all the ways our churches support the operations and ministries of the River City Faith Network. We believe the collective work of our churches is still necessary and look forward to many more years seeking to transform Richmond for Christ.

CONNECTING OUR LIGHT CONVERSATIONS

As the RCFN commits to working together to transform Richmond, we want to spend intentional effort in reconnecting our churches with one another to collaborate and to imagine a collective effort of the RCFN based on Jeremiah 29:4-10 which says -

"This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have children; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and welfare of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

As part of our Annual Meeting we broke into conversation groups guided by staff and local practitioners to identify some ideas, shared below, for collaboration among our RCFN churches.

If you missed our Annual Meeting and would like to collaborate with other churches around one of these topics or would like to serve on a coordinating team to move these ideas forward, please email Maria Lynn at maria.lynn@rbaonline.org or call the RCFN office at 804.329.1701.



Connecting our Light Conversations

COMMUNITY GARDENS / FOOD PANTRY

Rev. April Kennedy, Minister of Abundant Community, Tabernacle BC

Rev. SaraAnne Burgess, RCFN, Camper Family Liaison

- Compile list of community/ church pantries to share with our churches.
 - Build relationships among our churches involved for idea and resource sharing.
- Community Meals

PEACE & WELFARE OF THE CITY

Rev. Lorae Ponder & Richmond Hill Staff

Will Cumbia, ReEstablish Richmond,

Rev. Wesley Garrett, RCFN, South Richmond Center

- Identify needs, partners, other resources /organizations
- Define the church's role in advocacy, justice, and reconciliation

MENTAL HEALTH / WELLBEING

Rev. Glinda Ford, RCFN Church Hill Wellness Center

Beth Wright, RCFN, Camp Alkulana

- Mental Health First Aid Training workshop
- Hospitality Training
- Sharing resource lists, info, ideas and training opportunities

HOUSING/ FURNITURE/ UNHOUSED MINISTRY

Bill Rusher, Habitat volunteer

Rev. Brian Varble, Build a Bed

· Host a RCFN Habitat Unity Build

· Host a Build a Bed event

Provide Laundry and Bedding Baskets

GENERATIONAL MINISTRIES

Lena Taylor, Love & Fellowship Senior Group

- Senior Adults Caring & Connection Ideas
- Workshops for Seniors – ex. Insurance & Health
- RCFN senior adult events – ex. luncheon, movie,

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THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the ongoing support of your Association by our RCFN Churches, ministry center volunteers, WMU mission action donors, and our camp supporters. We give thanks for your leaders serving on the RCFN Board, Support Teams, and Committees! Thank you for your prayers as we work to witness and minister to our neighbors in the Richmond Metro area.

You are a blessing, and we are grateful!

The RCFN Staff

Maria, Glinda, Jennifer, Wesley, Beth, SaraAnne

